

The Romulus High School Drama Club will be performing Shakespeare's "A Midsummer's Night Dream" from April 2-4.

## Curtain going up on student's 'dream'

Ashley Lawrence  
Staff Writer

Shakespeare in Romulus?

"Yes, Shakespeare in Romulus," said Monica Lewis, an English teacher and advisor to the drama club at Romulus High School. "Some people think that I am crazy for doing this, but they are going to be shocked at how well we pull this off."

Lewis is referencing the upcoming production of the Romulus High School Drama Club, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, by William Shakespeare.

The story behind the attempt at Shakespeare actually began when a student, Sarah Hurt, came to her last year and said she was very interested in starting a drama club at the school.

"She knew that I had theater experience," said Lewis.

"And since I love theater, I was excited at the opportunity to start something like this in Romulus.

Before the drama club, students interested in theater only had the option of taking a drama class, without any productions.

The drama club started off relatively small, but grew as the word spread around school.

"It was open to anyone who wanted to come," said Lewis. "We would do different types of improv and play theater games, but that was really all it was."

Lewis said she had hopes of putting on a play for the school and community, but there wasn't the budget necessary for a big venture.

"In years past there was a budget for school musicals, but it has been a while since we

have done a production, so the funds were no longer available," she remembered. "But we went and spoke with principal Dan Hurst and he was enthusiastic about our idea of getting something started."

Lewis thought of Shakespeare as a production the students could do without a large budget.

"Students in Romulus have four years of Shakespeare throughout high school," she said. "So, it was something that the students were familiar with and something at the same time that I thought they would be able to do."

In order to try and make the dream a reality, Lewis decided to start a Performing Arts Fund to generate the money that the club would need to properly execute a performance.

"The student government

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## Injection well permit granted

Environmental Disposal Systems (EDS) has been granted a federal land ban exemption permit by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The permit will allow EDS to inject liquid hazardous waste from other businesses into wells already constructed at the Citron Drive location in Romulus. The permit exempts the company from federal regulations regarding the disposal of hazardous waste, according to Phillipa Cannon of the Environmental Protection Agency.

EDS requested a land ban exemption for the Romulus deep well waste injection system in January of 2000. The operation would inject hazardous liquid waste 4,450 feet below the surface of the earth into rock forma-

tions.

According to an EPA statement, that is the equivalent of 12 football fields stacked end to end. The injection zone is also capped by a layer of dense rock that provides a watertight cover over the injection zone.

Cannon said that approval of the exemption was based on an extensive review of the EDS petition and other information, such as scientific data and public comment.

"The EPA has determined that the waste will stay confined to a layer of rock deep underground and will not threaten human health or the environment. EDS has demonstrated that, to a reasonable degree of certainty, the waste will not move

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## Police vans to be converted

Ashley Lawrence  
Staff Writer

The Romulus Police Department will be able to get to crime and accident scenes much faster with the new scene investigation unit, which was approved by city council members at the March 1 meeting.

"Right now it is difficult to keep everything together for the officers going to investigate and accident or crime scene," said Charles Kirby, director of public safety. "This new mobile unit will make things easier and quicker for the officers."

City council members

approved \$10,000 for the police department to convert a van already in their possession into a mobile crime/accident scene investigation unit.

The unit, which will be used primarily by evidence technicians and auto accident investigators, will house much of the equipment that they need on the scene such as auxiliary lights and items for collecting evidence, said Kirby.

Kirby said that the department is not yet sure of how much the actual conversion will cost, but said that any additional funds will go back into the fund balance.

## Red Wings center visits Wick Elementary School

Ashley Lawrence  
Staff Writer

Students at Wick Elementary School have still not quite recovered from the excitement of a visit by Detroit Red Wing center Jason Williams last week.

"We have never had a celebrity come to Wick before," said Debbie Juriga, principal of Wick. "So it was definitely a memorable event, something that none of us will soon forget."

Williams came to Wick at the request of Southwest Airlines, who serves in a partnership with the elementary school in the "Adopt a Pilot" program.

Juriga said the program allows the students to understand and learn about the life and travels of a pilot. Each spring semester a pilot is chosen to interact with a fifth grade class at Wick.

"The pilot keeps in contact with the students throughout the remainder of the school year through letters, emails and pictures," said Juriga. "This year, our pilot, Anders Hurtig, even carries a Wick wildcats mascot in the cockpit of his plane. So occasionally he will send the kids pictures of the mascot wherever he

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Students at Wick Elementary got a visit from Detroit Red Wings center, Jason Williams, second from right, back row, last week. Welcoming Williams are, from left, back row, Anders Hurtig, Steve Bartels and Liz Hartke, all from Southwest Airlines, Williams and Principal Debbie Juriga. In the front row, from left are Michael Henrich, Joshua Shellman and Zach Beregasys.



# Township clerk plans to 'roll out' the vote

Scott Spielman  
Editor

Students at Northville High School will see a ponderous converted recreational vehicle enter their space before the end of the school year.

But it's not a signal of the impending summer vacation; it's a sign of another important event: election time.

Township Clerk Sue Hillebrand said she plans to use the mobile unit - a converted Winnebago the township purchased from Canton Township - as a rolling registration point for future voters. She said she would take the unit right to the

high school in order to encourage younger residents to take part in their civic duty.

"The goal is to get every high school student that's 17-and-a-half-years old to register to vote," Hillebrand said.

The township received the vehicle last month, and will paint their own township insignia on it before they unveil it to the public. In Canton, it served as a mobile command unit for the police department.

The exercise will have more than one benefit for the youngsters, according to Hillebrand. First, it will give them an opportunity to register to vote. It will also give them a chance to vote

using the type of equipment that will soon be mandated throughout the state through the Help Americans Vote Act (HAVA), which is designed to consolidate elections and the type of voting equipment used state-wide.

"My goal is to have every high school student vote on this equipment before they have to vote," she said.

That's important, she added, because if students move to another community in Michigan to go to college, they can re-register to vote there, but still know how to use the voting equipment.

"Chances are, they'll be going to a community that has scanned

voting. They'll have used it," she said. "The machines may be a little different, but the concept will be the same."

The idea is just one Hillebrand said she had to increase voter education, awareness and, ultimately, turnout. She said she also wants to put a kiosk into Northville Township Hall that would be available for anyone to use to become familiar with the voting method. That could also have a second benefit, too. She said the township might print up informal survey questions on the sample ballots and allow those who use the machine to tell township officials a little bit of what they'd

like to see in the community.

The questions would be basic, and she said, people would have to fill out an application in order to prevent a particular special interest group from 'stacking' the survey in their favor, but once those obstacles are overcome, she said it could help out officials, in the long run.

"We don't want it to be a survey, per se, but it could be a valuable tool," she said. "I'm always interested in what the residents have to say. It could be a tool to find out if we're still on the right track."

## Plymouth-Canton schools face \$9.3 million deficit

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

A month after the original financial forecast was presented to the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education, officials received an update with some good news and some bad news.

The good news is that the district won't be losing as much money per student as originally predicted, according to Patricia Brand, executive director of business services.

"At the time that we presented the second quarter financial update with the formal budget amendment to the board, we were using the best information we had at the time from Lansing," she said. "We had originally projected using a \$100 per student reduction - that was the best information. Since that time the

state has clarified that to bring it to a \$74 per student reduction as opposed to \$100 - that's a positive variance \$438,000," Brand told the school board members March 9."

She said that they were expecting a \$1.7 million reduction in revenue and that number will be \$1.3 million.

"Not to be all excited about receiving less money," she said, "but it is positive compared to where we thought we would be."

When the second quarter report was presented last month, projections indicated that by June 30 of the current fiscal year, the district would have \$11.8 million in fund equity. However, the current information from the state indicates the fund equity will increase to \$12.3 million, which is a better financial position even after cuts from the

state, Brand said.

The bad news is that the foundation allowance revenue for the 2004-2005 school year change from 80/20 to 50/50 will decrease revenue by \$351,250, Brand said.

The other difference will be the increase in the retirement rate from 12.99 percent to 14.87 percent for the next school year. Brand said the administration originally projected the increase to only be at 14 percent. That difference, according to the report, would be \$768,637.

All in all, with the all current changes, there could be at least a \$9.3 million deficit for the 2004-05 fiscal school year, Brand said.

"The state is saying 'you're getting no new revenue this year on a per student basis, but we know you've negotiated salaries in good faith and we know how and we're telling you what the retirement

rate is so we know that expenditure is going up and we expect for you to some how balance that out,'" she said. "That difference to us is \$9.3 million which is about \$1.1 million more than we originally projected."

"So, this isn't real pleasant," she added. "It takes the unpleasant and makes more pleasant, but it's a daunting task and we'll deal with it as we have in the past."

Board member Mark Slavens asked for help from the community.

"We should urge the citizens to contact the governor, State Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton), State Rep. Phil LaJoy (R-Canton) and John Stewart (R-Plymouth) and ask them to please note to change the 80/20 to 50/50," he said. "That would save us \$700,000, which roughly would pay for approximately 14 teachers."

## Foundation plans 'Derby Night' at the races

It's a safe bet everyone at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland Saturday night will have a great time.

The Westland Community Foundation is sponsoring Derby Night and the race for tickets to the event has begun, especially since everyone who attends will be a winner.

Door prizes will be awarded to all who attend the event, explained program coordinator

Diane Mathews, so it's a guaranteed good time.

Those attending are also urged to don their own best derby hats and bonnets to add to the atmosphere of an elegant day at the races, Mathews said, which should add to the fun.

This year, the annual fundraising event for the organization, which donated more than \$33,000 to local charities last year, includes wagering on thorough-

bred horse racing displayed on large screens. Guests can enjoy the event from bleacher seating or while seated at pub tables. Winnings can be used to buy prizes including a Kentucky Derby weekend package for two with airfare.

The annual fundraiser will also include the traditional silent auction of items.

In addition, attendees can enjoy an open bar and the

strolling dinner prepared by the chefs at the Hellenic Center. There will also be musical entertainment.

Tickets are \$75 per person and well worth it, Mathews said.

"It's going to really be fun," Mathews said. "We're going to watch races, wager and just have a great evening and it's for a good cause," she added.

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## Senior power

Mayor Alan Lambert congratulated the 2004 officers of the Romulus Senior Social Club at a ceremony last Friday at the Senior Center. Lambert, at left, congratulated club sergeant of arms Maryann Ryznar, vice-president Dorothy Scott, president Louise Shelton, secretary Ruth Bierl, and sergeant of arms Alice Hudick. Another sergeant of arms, Liz Kris, is not pictured.

## Visit - Students still recovering from excitement

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is."

Hurtig is a native of Sweden, but came to the United States to complete his pilot training. He then worked for several years flying for a freight airline, before joining the Southwest team. He makes appearances at the school to speak with the students on many topics related to life as a pilot. Including the importance of education in becoming a pilot, the knowledge required in subjects like math, science and geography and the on the job experiences of pilots.

"It is a great teaching tool," said Juriga. "The teacher can take the communications with the pilot and incorporate them into daily lesson plans on things like the aerodynamics of planes or weather systems. We have found it to be very helpful and fun."

The school has participated in the program for more than seven years and each year Southwest does something special for the

school.

"They do a number of different things for the school," she said. "One year Southwest sent a group of employees out from Chicago to help plant a botanical garden in front of the school. So, they are creative with their ideas."

This year Southwest was able to bring Williams to the school for an assembly with all the students which, according to Juriga, was a big hit with everyone.

"The students prepared for his appearance by decorating the gym in red and white colors and then hanging Red Wings signs all over," she said. "Students also wore red and white the day of his visit and some even went as far as coloring their hair red for the event, including myself."

Williams came into the red and white gym to find a group of 400 cheering fans, said Juriga.

He talked to the students about the importance of getting good grades so they could someday be successful and then spent time talking about himself and

his hockey career.

He even talked about the Red Wing rivalry with the Colorado Avalanche hockey team.

The Wick students proved to be an astute hockey audience and gave a resounding "boo" at the mention of the Colorado team.

Students were then given an opportunity to ask Williams questions about his life on the ice and even what his favorite video game is (Tiger Woods Golf 2004).

Williams then ended the assembly by judging a cheer competition.

"All of the classes came up with their own Red Wings cheers and performed them for him," she said. "They all worked very hard and the winning class received a free gym period."

Williams also took the time to sign 400 Red Wing Programs, one for every student.

"He is such a nice man," said Juriga. "He was very approachable and terrific with the kids. It was a pleasure to have him at Wick."

## Well - Federal land exemption OK'd for waste disposal

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out of the injection zone or come into contact with an underground source of drinking water for at least 10,000 years," Cannon said.

The EDS request was complicated last September when Sunoco Oil was granted a permit by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to operate brine disposal and extraction wells in the same area. The EPA determined that the Sunoco project will not extract from the same geologic formation EDS plans to use for injection. Extraction from the shallower Lockport Formation will not affect the EDS project, according to EPA research, Cannon said.

EDS must next go before the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to request an operating permit. If granted, hazardous waste dumping could begin at the Romulus site.

State Sen. Ray Basham (D-Taylor) and State Rep. Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D-Taylor) issued a joint statement expressing

their "grave disappointment" with the decision. Both legislators characterized the decision of the EPA as premature and "a serious error in judgment."

"It concerns me that the EPS would make such a highly controversial and unwelcome decision at this point in time when there are still many unresolved public health concerns and serious conflicts with the nearby Sunoco facility," said Basham. "The environmental risks involved with hazardous waste injection are very real and the Michigan public is not well served by the regulatory decision handed down by the EPA today," he added.

Cannon noted that the EPA relied on the investigation and research of scientists specializing in geology and computer modeling from the U.S. Geological Survey and the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in California in making the decision.

"Scientists reviewed the data and computer modeling and agreed that the demonstration meets the requirements for an

exemption. The well will be continuously monitored throughout its operation," Cannon said.

The 10,000 year time span was simulated by scientists because after that time span, the waste will no longer be harmful. The waste will rise only 10 feet in the 20 years EDS plans to operate the wells. Scientists estimated that in the next 10,000 years, the waste would rise only 227 feet.

The nearest source of underground drinking water will still be more than 200 miles away, Cannon said.

"It's unfortunate that the EPA chose to grant the EDS permit at a time when Sunoco was still in the process of constructing their extraction wells," said Hopgood in a statement.

"Sunoco has operated safely in our community for approximately 50 years. I feel Sunoco should have been rewarded for good corporate citizenship by being allowed to move forward without this cloud over their heads."

The EPA denied that this exemption would impact the Sunoco operation.

# Concert benefits Belleville playground

Andrea King  
Staff Writer

Three Men and a Tenor have performed at more than 1,000 schools, entertained and motivated more than 1 million students in America and now have helped purchase playground equipment for a Belleville school.

The four-man a cappella singing and dancing group performed at Belleville High School last week in a concert to benefit Elwell Elementary School. Proceeds from the event, organized by the Elwell Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), will be used to improve the school playground. Elwell principal Karen Mida suggested the event to the PTO.

"For over 40 years our students and many of the children in the community have used the playground equipment at Elwell school and now it is worn out," said Mida. "I have

been trying to get Three Men and a Tenor to Belleville for a performance for a while now. I just knew that this fundraiser would be a perfect opportunity for them to come and perform."

Mida is a long-time friend of group member Chuck Colby. She met Colby in the early 1990s, when she was a sponsor of student council at South Middle School and Three Men and a Tenor were just trying to get off the ground, she said.

"Our PTO has been 'chipping away' and working on fundraisers for the last three years to replace swings, slides and monkey bars," said Mida.

"The schools couldn't afford to pay for new playground equipment, so the PTO took over. We don't know what actual equip-

ment we will be purchasing yet, but we will buy as much as we can with the money we raise."

To date, she estimated that about \$15,000 has been generated for the purchase of new equipment to replace the original still in use at Elwell.

The high school auditorium was filled nearly to capacity of 868 for the concert.

"We couldn't have done anything without the help of all the parents and community donations," said Mida. "Thanks to Linda Cobb—the driving force behind the event—we had a wonderful turnout. I don't know how I will ever thank her for her hard work, time and encouragement."

Several community business-

es and individuals also contributed to raising funds for the school. Johnston Lithograph in Romulus donated all the programs and tickets for the concert. Other donations

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**Karen Mida**

include Republic Services of Michigan, Carleton Farms, which matched half of the ticket sales, and the Polish Legion of American Veterans in Belleville, which donated \$500.

Three Men and a Tenor strive to bring youth and communities wholesome family entertainment. They support and encourage the preservation of music and music education in the public and parochial schools, according to a group spokesman.

"Playground equipment costs anywhere from \$40,000-\$80,000, so we are going to continue to raise funds," said Mida. "Hopefully the money raised from the concert will give us a start and we can have a few pieces of new equipment by the fall."

## Drama - Shakespearian performance

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started the fund off with a donation and then others began to donate," said Lewis. "We have received great support from most of the faculty and students as well."

Even though they had received support for their project, the funds were not and still are not close the former \$15,000 budget, which was allotted in the past for productions at the school.

But the show must go on and it has in Romulus.

"We have done everything we can to keep the costs of this production down," she said.

"It has been very serendipitous the way everything has been able to come together to pull off this play."

As for the students' performances in the production, Lewis said they are "awesome" and are

going to shock the audience.

Twenty-five students were cast in the play, not all of whom were members of the drama club.

"We are talking about the idea of doing two productions a year, if we can get the money," she said.

"In the fall we will do a play and then in the spring we will do a Shakespeare play. We will start the tradition of having a Shakespearian festival every spring. I think it will be great for the school and for the community."

The Performing Arts Fund is still accepting donations.

The drama club will be performing *A Midsummer's Night Dream* beginning at 7 p.m. April 2 and 3 and then at 3 p.m. April 4. Ticket prices are \$4 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens.

For more information call (734) 532-1000.



# Local teacher nominated for national honor

Meghan Chatham  
Staff Writer

Julie Hardy, a science teacher at Hillside Middle School said that one of the rewards of her job is fostering a positive attitude in her students.

"A great day is when the kids leave the classroom talking about what they did, and the next class will come in saying, 'we heard we are having a great class today,'" Hardy said. "when they're excited and engaged before class even starts...that's a good day."

As a state finalist for the highest award in her field, the 2003 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, Hardy may soon receive even more reward for her work.

"I'm ecstatic," said Hardy. "I'm overwhelmed with excitement!"

According to the National Science Foundation, which over-

sees the award for the White House, Congress established the Presidential Awards in 1983 to recognize outstanding math and science teachers nation-wide, including four U.S. territories. Each state can select three instructors in each category to compete as state finalists. Hardy is one of 233 finalists for the award this year. Of these, up to 108 people can be selected to receive the award.

Hardy, a Romulus native, said that her family was thrilled when she was selected as a finalist.

"They saw all of the effort I put into the application process," she said. "It was very difficult."

Winners are selected based on evaluations of a videotaped lesson, a written response to that lesson, and samples of student work. The winners will receive \$10,000 from the National Science Foundation and a chance to participate in a series of professional development activities during the recognition

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**Jim Cracraft**

events in Washington D.C. The results are expected to be announced later this month.

"The winners are generally given just a few days to pack their bags and go," said Hardy.

Anyone, from principals and students to the general public, may nominate a teacher for the award. In Hardy's case, she said that Hillside Middle School Principal Jim Cracraft and one of her colleagues, Dwight Seiggreen, nominated her.

"(She) is an innovative classroom teacher who utilizes 'hands on' experiences to make the life sciences literally come alive for her students," said Cracraft. "She actively models excellence in teaching and lifelong learning to her students and the entire Hillside Learning Community."

Hardy takes a more modest view of why her students become so intellectually involved in her classes.

"The kids see that I'm excited about what we are doing, so they get excited," said Hardy.

Her skill as an educator has been honed through 15 years of teaching, as she continually discovers methods to help her students relate to the materials. She has been an instructor for the Northville Public Schools for 11 years.

While note-taking and lectures are an important part of the class, microscope work and visits to the star lab are just as crucial to Hardy's teaching

method.

"A lot of our curriculum includes things that my students are familiar with, like plants and their own families (for the genetics unit)," Hardy said. "When I can get the material to relate to the kids, it really hooks them. I'll talk one-on-one with kids who might not be getting it to show them how exciting it can be."

## Plymouth Youth Advisory Commission to survey peers

Scott Spielman  
Editor

The Plymouth Community Youth Advisory Commission will take a cue from youngsters throughout the community as they make recommendations for services for young residents.

City Commissioner Michele

Potter, who serves as a liaison to the group, said they would soon be distributing surveys to find out what type of activities youth in the Plymouth community would like to see.

"They took a step back and said, we don't know what to recommend unless we ask," she said. "They decided it would be

helpful if they had some input."

The survey will take place during the next 30 days, she said. The survey forms will be distributed at the middle schools, high schools and through Youth Leadership Plymouth. The survey is also available on the City of Plymouth web site at [www.ci.plymouth.mi.us](http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us). Potter said the

group hoped to circulate about 1,000 surveys through the various school and community groups.

It will ask some general, data gathering questions such as the age and address of respondents and the types of activities in which they take part. Then it will ask them to prioritize different things that are important to them.

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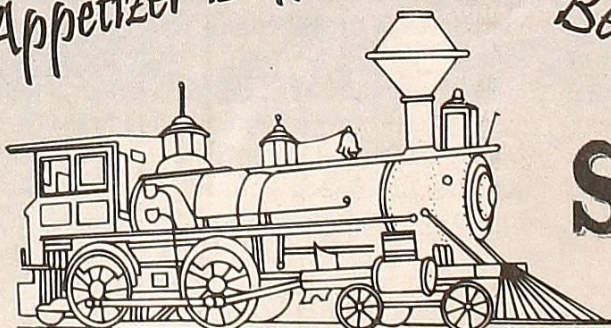
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OPINION

An open invitation

This is an open invitation to the residents and business owners in the City of Northville.

You know who you are: you are the ones who, for one reason or another, voted down a plan last year to provide a new parking structure and renovate the lot behind the Marquis Theater. In the month before that vote took place, many of you complained that you didn't have enough warning or information about the proposals, even though officials in the city had worked on the plan for more than a year and those proceedings were covered in this and other newspapers.

Well, now's your chance to get some information – and provide input – ahead of time. The city has scheduled a joint meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday about the latest plans to address the parking situation. Members of the city council, planning commission, Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and historic district commission have all been invited to this open forum. And so are you.

Members of the DDA board have done an admirable job of approaching the issue since the defeat of the proposal last year. It would have been easy for them to be dismayed, and reluctant to take up the project again. The issue was defeated, after all, by what they characterized as bad information – some have even said it was deliberate misinformation. In part we agree with that, although saying it was a deliberate sabotage attempt may be a little off track.

But DDA officials put aside their disappointment, recognized that there was still or soon would be a parking problem, and realized it was their role to address it. Those serving on that board and in fact on any public board, anywhere, will tell you that the best time to address a problem is before it exists.

That goes for residents and business owners, too. The process has always been an open and inviting one, and officials took the right first step when they correctly responded to the criticism that all these decisions had been made at DDA meetings, which take place at 8 a.m. in city hall. That's not a time when many interested residents can be a part of the plan.

Tuesday night is a different story, though. It's the perfect time to take part in the process.

'Special' isn't the word

The special meeting that took place Tuesday night in Northville Township provided the framework for personal preferences to overcome sound politics and planning.

Just two days before the proposed plan to expand Community was on the agenda for the regular board of trustees meeting, Trustees Brad Werner and Marv Gans requested the special meeting to discuss the project.

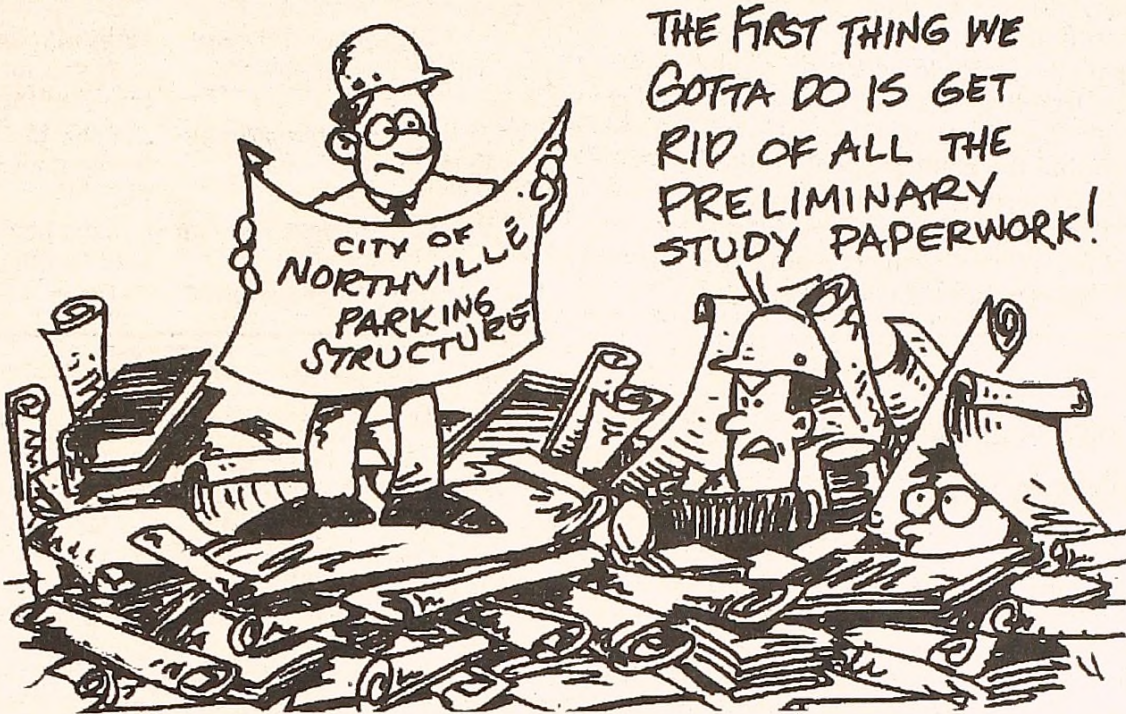
First of all, it's the right of any trustee to call a meeting, if he or she has the support for it. But to call one just 48 hours before the issue was set for an even more public discussion has the appearance of someone trying to circumvent the system for his or her own personal beliefs. There's nothing about the proposal that is so time-sensitive it couldn't wait two days.

The public line is that the trustees who did attend the meeting wanted to have more discussion and get more answers before the Thursday night meeting. That in itself is a bit of a mystery, since there were no staffers present to give those answers, although they had valid questions.

Both Supervisor Mark Abbo and Clerk Sue Hillebrand said they weren't going to attend the meeting at all. That's was a mistake in its own right; there's still a duty they owe to the taxpayers and residents who voted them into office to represent them as best they think they can. They can't do that if they're not in the room.

They might have their reasons – they didn't want to validate the

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Meeting the new neighbors

There's an old saying that goes: "One man's trash is another man's treasure."

Maybe we should expand that to say: one man's eyesore may be somebody's home.

I make this adjustment after receiving a visit Monday afternoon.

On a pleasant, sunny day I had been looking out my office window at the abandoned former hospital next door. It's a pretty ugly building, but there are times of day when the light catches all the vagaries in the bricks that make it almost appealing.

Suddenly, with a bump, a small cat appeared on my windowsill.

"What are you looking at?" I asked it, before wondering where it came from.

Then I got up and it ran – into a hole in the structure I hadn't noticed until then. It peered back at me then, with wide green eyes,

frightened of what I might do.

I snapped a picture, only noticing later that a rather large snake was also poking its head out of the window at me.

Well, that's just great, I thought, here's another obstacle

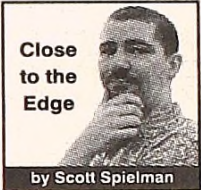


to the removal of blight in the City of Wayne. Just wait until the animal rights activists find out that this ramshackle building is the home of some wildlife. There are probably more critters that

inhabit the old dwelling, too. The next thing we know, it'll probably be a protected sanctuary for discarded domestics.

It's a thought that has cropped up elsewhere, too. There's a joke about the 'adopt a rat' program in the City of Plymouth when an old structure there was finally razed last year. Rumors of the rodents had long been circulating throughout the city. The size of the rats grew exponentially like an old fish tale until they could have become a horror story told to errant children during The Great Pumpkin Caper to keep them from running off.

But, the presence of wildlife didn't hurt development in Plymouth, and hopefully it won't hurt it here. There's nothing I'd rather see than a productive use for the prime spot next door, and that particularly includes a refuge for cast aside animals.



Close to the Edge  
by Scott Spielman

We all need a safe harbor

"It was the first time I've come home from an 12-step support meeting feeling upset," a friend of mine, we'll call Tim, said.

There were maybe 15 people sitting around the table, a lot of them, folks who'd sat together before, Tim explained.

"The table leader asked for suggestions about what the group should talk about."

Someone replied: "The first step, which is, we admitted we were powerless over alcohol and our lives were unmanageable."

Tim said he'd come to the meeting that day troubled with self-doubt. He suggested they talk about difficulties with finishing things as it relates to alcoholism. He'd been starting projects and not finishing them and it was causing problems. He was asking for help.

"We'll talk first step," Mack interrupted. "I didn't come here

to listen to no B—S—."

"I felt like leaving," Tim told me, "Who was this jerk to say what was troubling me, was b.s? These were issues that made me frustrated, and I wanted to hear how others dealt with this. If I couldn't talk about it here, I couldn't talk about it anywhere."

"On top of it, Mack had been around recovery for over 25 years, and he's still an angry man. Frankly, I was sick of his anger," Tim's voice went up an octave. "And, yes, that's my judgment of him."

Tim's first thought was to leave, but something he'd learned at these meetings quieted his reactionary thoughts enough for him to sit there and listen. He realized that he had a choice. He could leave any time.

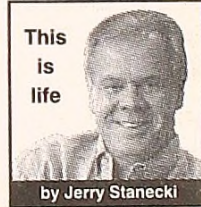
He focused on what people were sharing, rather than allowing the old picture of running Mr.

BS's poor manners through his head over and over. He'd be darned if he'd let Mack live in his head rent-free.

That's when the pieces came together. Tim realized what happened had happened all of his life. He also realized he would have missed the gift, if he'd left.

The guy before Tim shared that all of his life he was always on the lonely outside. Now, for the first time in his life, he felt like he was part of a group.

"That was it," Tim, said. "I realized that I'd never allow myself to be part of a group because, whenever I did, I'd always be criticized. Now, it was happening again. Was I going to allow that?"



This is life  
by Jerry Stanecki

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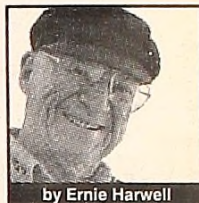
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# For better health we need to think positively



by Ernie Harwell

Great athletes seem to have one thing in common, regardless the sport. They say that when they're "in the zone," playing becomes easy for them. They'll also tell you that they approach the game with a positive attitude, expecting to win.

After traveling all across this country and meeting thousands of people, I've noticed that the healthy people I meet seem to have something in common, as well. They have a way of "seeing the good side" and finding the opportunities in a situation rather than focusing on the

bad. And that positive attitude seems to translate to good physical and mental health.

With that in mind, it's worth considering what we can do to develop and maintain a positive outlook on life, so that our health can flourish.

Here are five tips for thinking more positively in your daily life:

- Stop negative talk.
- Look for the hidden opportunities in problems.
- Visualize positive outcomes to the

challenges in your life — expect the best.

• Stop feeling guilty about things that "didn't end up right."

• Laugh every chance you get, especially at yourself.

If you incorporate these simple tips into your life, you'll have a more positive outlook, be healthier and perhaps gain a whole new perspective on what's possible.

And please remember to take care of your health before it's lonngggg gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit

Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled "Life After Baseball," is available in bookstores beginning April 2004.

## LETTERS

### Coverage of abuse charge criticised by judge

To the editor;

I was shocked and deeply saddened to read yesterday's *Detroit Free Press* report of Father Kelly's suspension. This is a man I have known and respected for more than 30 years. The newspaper report was both sensational and irresponsible. In a letter to parishioners dated Feb. 28, Father Kelly absolutely denied these allegations. Father Kelly's denial was not mentioned in this front-page report. The report quoted someone not affiliated with the prosecutor's office (hearsay) as saying there was either not enough evidence to file criminal charges or that the statute of limitations had expired. Which was it? There is an enormous difference.

I understand a newspaper wanting to protect the identity of an alleged victim if the victim does not consent to having their name published, nevertheless a

responsible report would have included other pertinent or alleged facts. What are the details of this alleged offense and is there any proof to support them? When did these allegations surface? The alleged victim is now in his 40s, why did it take so long to come forward? Did the victim demand compensation and did the Archdiocese pay this person money? Have there been other allegations against this priest? How old was the alleged victim at the time of the event? Do the allegations involve a single incident? Was force or coercion allegedly involved? Were there alleged physical or psychological injuries and is there any proof to support either?

The current scandal in the Catholic Church spanning some 50 years includes everything from pedophiles preying on young children to consensual acts with 17-year-olds. This report gave no indication of where in that spectrum this allegation falls, but alluded to the more grievous problems facing the church.

To print where this man, who has not been convicted of anything, specifically resides is outrageous. This is a very emotionally charged issue and there is a vigilante element in the public. One convicted pedophile priest has already been brutally murdered in prison. To speculate on why this man took a leave of absence 30 years ago and to state that he graduated from a seminary class where 10 percent of the graduates have been accused of abuse is simply reckless. How is that different that saying 10 percent of certain heinous crimes are committed by a certain ethnic minority, and by the way, the accused also belongs to that minority? When was the bar lowered to guilt by association? By what logic should one connect Father Kelly's alleged actions with those of the 10 percent minority and not with the 90 percent majority who have lived exemplary lives?

The Catholic Church has a serious problem, one of its own making to a large degree: however two wrongs never make a right.

Where is the due process? The Catholic bishop's burden of proof is far below that required for a criminal conviction. To my knowledge, what we have is an unsubstantiated 33-year-old allegation that has recently arisen from an unknown victim who has been an adult for many years, which has been vehemently denied by a man who has dedicated his entire adult life to doing the work of God. There will be no criminal prosecution: hence he will have no chance to confront the witness against him in a court of law. Meanwhile this man's life has been publicly destroyed while he scrambles to try to prove that something didn't happen 33 years ago.

Will there be front page coverage in the event Father Kelly is cleared?

My Catholic faith has not been shaken one iota by the scandal in our church. If there is one thing I have learned from my 15 years of Catholic education it is that one has the duty to stand up for the oppressed and for what is right

and to rectify wrongs, especially wrongs that you have perpetrated. It is shameful how this affair has been handled and reported.

Judge Michael J. Gerou,  
Plymouth

## Harbor

FROM PAGE 5

Tim was getting more excited as he told me the story.

"Too many times in my life I allowed people to tell me how I feel, to shame me, and thus control my freedom, how I felt," Tim said.

That Sunday morning, at that support group, Tim made a stand that changed his life. He told the others that he needed a safe place to talk about what others may think is b.s. Anyone's arrogant action to try and take that away was not acceptable. Tim said that too many years of his life he allowed others to tell him what was valid. That's why he was demanding safety at the meeting.

It is absolutely essential for each of us to have a safe place where we can feel that no matter what is troubling us, we are able to express that without being knocked down, criticized or devalued by someone else's character defects. As each day passes in this crazy world, that need grows.

Find that safe place, and don't allow anyone to take that from you.

## Park

FROM PAGE 5

process or feel comfortable taking part in a meeting that was so hastily put together — and the fact that the meeting was mischaracterized as a special meeting rather than study session might weigh in, too.

But it's still their responsibility to take part in the process, no matter how they personally feel about the tactics that brought them there.

The Northville Township Board of Trustees, for several years, has

been a bit of an anomaly in local politics. It has been a group that has been able to disagree with each other — sometimes loudly and vocally — but still come together and make sound, good decisions for the community. They sometimes disagree, but they all respect each other and work well together.

This special meeting, though, casts a lingering shadow of doubt over that relationship.

We hope that sound judgments will again prevail. Really, is a proposed park expansion worth the turmoil that this hasty gathering will ultimately cause?

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD MARCH 1, 2004 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Debbie Romak.  
Present: LeRoy Burcroff, William A. Crova, Charles Miller, Michael Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth..  
Absent: None.  
Excused: Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.  
Administrative Officials in Attendance: Alan Lambert, Mayor  
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk

1. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-111

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held February 23, 2004.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

3. None.

04-112

4A1. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to re-appoint Councilman Prybyla as Liaison to the Planning Commission.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to accept the Chairman’s Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-113

5A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to introduce Budget Amendment 03/04-28:

FUND/DEPT.		Current		Amended
<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Amendment</u>	<u>Budget</u>
General fund:				
Revenues:				
101-0000410.67-80	Water & Sewer Admin	738,246	71,272	809,518
Water & Sewer				
Expenditures				
592-4510-747.74-37	Admin Water-Fringes	82,998	14,872	97,870
5924510-745.74-38	Admin Water-Contractual	8,752	(1,765)	6,987
592-4510-745.74-39	Admin Water-Utilities	36,840	24,336	61,176
592-4510-745.74-40	Admin Water-Supplies	538	(120)	418
592-4510-745.74-41	Admin Water-computer	10,208	(1,687)	8,521
592-4520-745.74-31	Admin Sewer-Fringes	82,998	14,872	97,870
592-4520-745.74-32	Admin Sewer-Contractual	8,752	(1,765)	6,987
592-4520-745.74-33	Admin Sewer-Utilities	36,840	24,336	61,176
592-4520-745.74-34	Admin Sewer-Supplies	538	(120)	418
592-4520-745.74-35	Admin Sewer-Computer	10,208	(1,687)	8,521
Water & Sewer				
Retained Earnings-Unreserved		<u>Available</u>	<u>Appropriate</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
592-0000-395.00-00		1,188,662	(71,272)	Balance 1,117,390

To recognize additional water & sewer administrative charge backs due to salary adjustments, increases in fringes and increases in utility costs.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-114

5B. Motion to Miller, supported by Wadsworth to introduce Budget Amendment 03/04-29:

Fund/Dept.		Current		Amended
<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Amendment</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<u>Federal Law Enforcement Fund</u>				
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
267-3710-737.80-10	Capital Outlay	61,350	10,000	71,350
<u>Fund Balance</u>				
Federal Law Enforcement Fund		<u>Available</u> 131,286	<u>Appropriate</u> 10,000	<u>Balance</u> 121,286

To appropriate additional funds for the purchase of equipment and supplies to convert Van to a Mobile Crime/Accident Scene Investigation Unit.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - Prybyla.  
Motion Carried.

04-115

5C. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to introduce Budget Amendment 03/04-30:

Fund/Dept.		Current		Amended
<u>Account NO.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Amendment</u>	<u>Budget</u>
General Fund				
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
101-1310-713.74-62	Clerk-Printing & Publications	24,000	10,000	34,000
<u>Fund Balance</u>				
General Fund		<u>Available</u> 1,016,429	<u>Appropriate</u> 10,000	<u>Balance</u> 1,006,429

To appropriate additional funds to cover printing and publication expenses thru June 30, 2004.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-116

5D. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Miller to introduce Budget Amendment 03/04-3 1:

Fund/Dept.		Current		Amended
<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Amendment</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Motor Vehicle & Equipment				
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
661-4410-744.80-15	Machinery & Equipment	577,268	7,720	584,988
<u>Retained Earnings</u>				
Motor Vehicle & Equipment		<u>Available</u> 697,612	<u>Appropriate</u> 7,720	<u>Balance</u> 689,892

To appropriate additional funds to cover the cost of overhead emergency light bars for five patrol vehicles.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-117

5E. Motion by Crova, supported Burcroff to award Bid 03/04-30, Ecorse Road Water Main Replacement Project, to Tyger Excavating for a total bid price of \$988,640.00 based on the unit prices bid.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion carried Unanimously.

04-118

5F. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to approve the extended warranty coverage with Thalner Electronic Laboratories in the amount of \$1,200.00 for On-Site Warranty Coverage for DPS Velocity NLE for a period of one (1) year.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-119

5G. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to authorize the Mayor to enter into an six month maximum term employment contract with Ms. Kathleen Trent as Public Relations Director for the City of Romulus, subject to mutual renewal.

Roll Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Prybyla, Wadsworth.  
Nays - Miller, Romak.  
Motion Carried.

04-120

6A1. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendments 03/04-26 and 27 introduced at the meeting held February 9, 2004.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-121

7. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to send correspondence to Wayne County Road Commission requesting that they look into opening a one-way lane for Westbound Eureka Road continuing Northbound to Wayne Road.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-122

10. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Crova to adopt a resolution stating that all applicants requesting Council approval of a liquor license whether new, or transfer, as well as a change of address, the owner and co-owners (a representative in lieu of co-owners), must be present at the City Council Meeting.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - Burcroff, Miller, Romak. Motion Failed.



# Tough job

## Local woman serves in Afghanistan

John B. Dendy IV  
U.S. Army News Service

In the winter months, the bitter cold, snow and ice keep the



Army Staff Sgt. Robin A. Renfroe-Miller, the daughter of Daniel Renfroe of Westland, is the communications commercialization project manager with Coalition Joint Task Force 180 at Kandahar Air Field, Afghanistan. The task force is charged with leading the battle against remnants of the Taliban regime and terrorists still in the country. (Photo by Gregory Kobashigawa)

vipers and cobras at bay.

And during the summer months, when temperatures reach levels usually seen in convection ovens, there are plenty of mice in the tents for the reptiles to eat.

But the Taliban and Al Qaida henchmen, along with the Chechen, Turk and Chinese terrorists are never deterred by the weather.

They are bent on the annihilation of all U.S. Army personnel stationed at the Kandahar Air Field in Afghanistan.

Among those targets is Army Staff Sgt. Robin A. Renfroe-Miller—the daughter of Daniel Renfroe of Hayes Street in Westland—who lives in the eye of the storm in the war on terror as a member of Coalition Joint Task Force 180, the lead military agency for operations in Afghanistan.

Some service members arrive at the Kandahar Air Field where Renfroe-Miller is stationed and never go beyond the concertina wire perimeter because their work revolves around supporting the unit members who do. Many

spend their days rebuilding the infrastructure of the local vilages or destroying holdout Taliban and Al Qaida henchmen from a string of fire bases along the border of Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Each task force member contributes specific talents to the mission, said Renfroe-Miller, a communications commercialization project manager at the airfield.

"My team is responsible for outsourcing and privatizing the telephone system here. We are laying the telephone lines for secure and non-secure communications because those capabilities do not really exist in Afghanistan," Renfroe-Miller said. "The biggest challenge I face here is working around the schedules of others to complete my mission," she added.

Well, that and the minefield under her tent floor; the snakes, insects and terrorist assassins.

The airfield, located only 15 miles from the city of Kandahar, is one of the most remote, land-



Members of a civil affairs unit out of Kandahar Air Field, Afghanistan, meet with leaders of a local Afghani village to arrange for humanitarian aid delivery and improvements that can be made to better the quality of life in the area. (Photo by Gregory Kobashigawa)

locked and desolate places the Army has ever attempted to build a combat base, Renfroe-Miller said.

The location makes for a perfect hub for the coalition to go on missions into the mountains to battle the Taliban or perform reconstruction projects than range from digging a well for a village to setting the stage for national elections and ratifying a constitution, she added.

Some troops from the airfield travel to and helm firing bases with names like Khkin, Gardez and Oulet—areas Soviet invaders wouldn't even go into against the mujahadeen 23 years ago—while others provide support in the form of supplies, transportation, food or recreation services, Renfroe-Miller said.

"Everyone here brings something special to get to the end game in Afghanistan," she said.

"Having the right kinds of effective communications is a

vital part of any military operation—I'm working to get this place up to speed," she said. "The upcoming communications portal will benefit the operations and morale of every coalition member in this country," Renfroe-Miller said.

Renfroe-Miller earned an associates degree in criminal justice from Washtenaw Community College in Ann Arbor in 1992.

Most of the service members at the camp live in a tent city—complete with limited Internet access—built over a former Taliban minefield that was carefully cleared several months ago. But there aren't even tents at the forward fire bases—just sleeping bags, mountain ice, thin air and drastic temperature changes, Renfroe-Miller said.

"Except for mice in the tents, the living conditions have been more than adequate," she added. "Things could be better, but they could be a lot worse, too."



An Afghani man moves his herd of sheep and goats past Romanian soldiers and their equipment. The Romanians provided security for an American and Romanian civil affairs unit out of Kandahar Air Field, Afghanistan, that visited a local Afghani village to coordinate humanitarian relief efforts in the area. (Photo by Gregory Kobashigawa)



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OBITUARIES

**CODY, Patricia B.**  
Patricia B. Cody, 73, of Pittsfield Township, died Feb. 10.  
Among her survivors are her children, Kathleen A. (Kenneth) York of Willis, Cindy Cody of Ypsilanti, Michael (Kimberly) Cody of Royal Palm Beach, FL and Kelly Cody of Belleville; a brother, Barry Breakey of Ypsilanti; grandchildren Matthew Helm, Jeremy Helm, Melanie York, Elizabeth Liddicoet, Dakota Cody, Dalton Cody and Tiffany Zupan, and great-grandchildren, Caden Helm, Haley Helm, Ross Bottomley and Grace Helm.  
Memorial services were at Trinity Episcopal Church where Mrs. Cody was a member, with Father John R. Hagan officiating.  
Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

**MCCLOSKEY, Earl R. Jr.**  
Earl R. McCloskey, Jr., 76, of Belleville, died Feb. 27.  
Among his survivors are his wife, Lois M. (Knight) McCloskey; a daughter, Cheryl Campbell of Belleville; a brother, Raymond (Marilyn) McCloskey of Brooklyn, MI; a sister, Sally (Mark) Kunf of White Oak, PA, and two grandchildren.  
Mr. McCloskey served in the U.S. Army during World War II.  
Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. Jimmy C. Walker officiating.  
Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

**DALTON, R. C.**  
R. C. Dalton, 77, of Romulus, died march 3.  
Among his survivors are his sons,

Willard Michael (Rita) Dalton of Middlesboro, KY and Ricky (Daren) Dalton of Romulus; a sister, Evelyn Combs of Trenton; three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.  
Mrs. Dalton served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.  
Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. Robert J. White officiating.  
Interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville.

**HAMBY, John A.**  
John A. Hamby, 54, of Belleville, died March 2.  
Among his survivors are his wife, Sherrie L. (Clifford) Hemby; children, Cindy (Phillip) Musico of Dearborn Heights and Candy (Tony) Caincross of Taylor; stepparents D.C. and Lorna Riddle of Richmond; brothers Race Hemby of Mt. Clemens, James Norkowski of Fife Lake, Rick Hemby of Richmond and Robert Riddle of Memphis, MI; sisters, Sue Kelly of Traverse City, Marilyn Rice of Leighigh, FL, Rose Whittaker of Flint, Audrey Roose of Hale and Della Springer of Illinois, and four grandchildren.  
Mr. Hemby served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. He was employed by General Motors for 29 years.  
Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. Marjorie A. Longwood officiating.  
Interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville.

**KITTLE, Lawrence Allen**  
Lawrence Allen Kittle, 74, of New Boston, died March 9 in Leesburg, FL.  
Among his survivors are his wife, Edna; children, Reginia L. (Robert) Slye, Larry (Brenda) Kittle, Kenneth (Joyce) Kittle and

Johnny (Rebecca) Kittle; five sisters; seven brothers, and 11 grandchildren.  
Funeral services were at Woodhaven Baptist Church.  
Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park.  
Arrangements were entrusted to Michigan Memorial Funeral Home in Flat Rock.

**WILSON, Barbara Jean**  
Barbara Jean Wilson, 89, of Howell, formerly of Riverview, died March 8.  
Among her survivors are her children,

Marlene (Joseph) Dapsi of Belleville and Kathy (Al) Lipinski of Lake Wiley, SC; a brother, Walter J. (Pauline) Smith of Livonia; 11 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.  
Mrs. Wilson was an active member of the Order of the Eastern Star.  
A memorial service was at Trinity Episcopal Church in Belleville where Mrs. Wilson was an active member. The Rev. John R. Hagen officiated.  
Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

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11. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Miller to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda R. Choate, CMC,  
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held March 1, 2004.

Linda R. Choate Clerk  
City of Romulus, Michigan

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ROMULUS HOUSING COMMISSION  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Romulus Housing Commission is seeking proposals for an Energy Audit of its housing facilities. Firms qualified to conduct energy audits are invited to submit proposals. The proposals shall include a list of the items to be checked during the audit. The scattered site public housing development was built in 1970. It consist of 101 two-story and single story dwellings that range from one bedroom units to five bedroom units. The exteriors are of brick with aluminum siding.

Please submit proposals to:

Director  
Romulus Housing Commission  
34200 Beverly Road  
Romulus, MI. 48174

Proposals are due March 31, 2004

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CITY OF ROMULUS  
NOXIOUS WEED NOTICE TO  
THE PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE CITY OF ROMULUS

In accordance with P.A. 359 of 1941, as amended and Chapter 19, Article 3, of the Romulus Code of Ordinances it shall be the duty of all owners of lands on which noxious weeds are found growing, to destroy the same before they reach a seed bearing stage and to prevent such weeds from becoming a detriment to public health.

If any such owner, agent or occupant of such land shall refuse to destroy such noxious weeds or cause them to be destroyed, it shall be the duty of the Noxious Weed Commissioner to enter upon such land and destroy such noxious weeds.

Nothing in this notice shall apply to weeds in fields devoted to growing any small grain crop such as wheat, oats, barley or rye.

All weeds not cut by May 1, 2004 will be cut by the City and the owner of the property will be charged with the cost. Subsequent violations will result in additional cuttings and will be done as often as necessary when vegetation reaches 12 inches in height and/or seed bearing stage.

Any expense incurred in such destruction shall be paid by the owner or owners of such land, and the city shall have a lien against such land for such expense. Any owner who shall refuse to destroy such noxious weeds shall also be subject to a fine of not more than \$ 100.00 per cutting in the discretion of the court.

All refuse and debris on the given owners property will be removed by the City at the owners' expense.

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ROMULUS HOUSING COMMISSION  
INVITATION FOR BID

The Romulus Housing Commission will receive sealed bids, March 31, 2004, at 1:00 p.m. in the office of the Commission, 34200 Beverly Road, Romulus, Michigan to provide lawn maintenance service for 101 dwelling units of public housing, including the Commissions administration office site. All sites are located in the City of Romulus, Michigan.

Bid documents can be obtained during normal business hours at the Housing Commission office, Monday thru Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

For more information please call at area code (734) 729-5389.

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Charter Township of Van Buren  
Annual Cemetery Cleaning  
Notice

The Department of Community Services will be conducting its annual spring-cleaning at all township cemeteries.

Spring-cleaning will begin March 31, 2004, and run through April 10, 2004

Receptacles placed on graves such as flowerpots, religious items and similar objects will be discarded if not retrieved by March 31, 2004.

New items may be displayed beginning April 11, 2004.

Van Buren Township provides maintenance for the following cemeteries:  
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Soop (South I-94 Service Drive and Denton Road)  
Tyler (Tyler and Hannan Roads)  
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For additional information contact Leader Jeff Fondaw at 734.699.8921 ext. 228.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC  
Township Clerk

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# THE SCENE

## Mommie dearest World renown painting on rare loan to Detroit museum

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

One of the most famous "women" in the world is on a rare visit to the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA).

The legendary *Whistler's Mother*, or *Arrangement in Grey and Black, No. 1: Portrait of the Artist's Mother by James McNeill Whistler* can be seen until June 6 at the DIA. The portrait is normally exhibited only at the Musee d'Orsay in Paris and has only rarely been loaned to any other museum.

*American Attitude: Whistler & His Followers* opened last week. The show features 13 paintings by Whistler, including *Whistler's Mother*, and 50 other paintings by artists influenced by Whistler's work, including John Singer Sargent, Thomas Eakins, William Merritt Chase and Henry Ossawa Tanner.

Graham W.J. Beal, the director of the DIA, said the show was conceived five years ago to highlight Whistler's impact on a generation of American artists at the turn of the 20th century.

"This exhibition celebrates the legacy of a pre-eminent American artist whose pioneering style truly embodied the American spirit," Beal said.

"This show has mass appeal, and it's the kind of exhibit we look for in Detroit," he said. "The DIA was the logical place to host the show because we have two important Whistler paintings in our permanent collection. Our willingness to loan these paintings out to other museums helped us secure the exhibit."

One of the most important paintings on display will be the DIA *Nocturne in Black and Gold: The Falling Rocket*, which most art historians assert is the best illustration of Whistler's revolutionary ideas about composition, color and disconnecting the painting from preconceived ideas about meaning and morality. Whistler believed that art should be created "for art's sake," not to push ideas in the public realm.

Whistler was born in 1834 in Lowell, MA. He was the son of Major George Washington Whistler, a Westpoint graduate, and his second wife, Anna Atilda McNeill. When Whistler was 9 years old, he and his family moved from Lowell to St. Petersburg, Russia, where his father served as an engineer for the St. Petersburg-Moscow Railroad. Whistler and his mother would move back to the United States after the death of his father in 1849. But at 21, after a failed stint at West Point, he fled the U.S. for a career in arts.

Painted in 1871, *Whistler's Mother* is rarely shown

outside of the Musee d'Orsay in Paris. Museum officials there, recognizing the popularity of and value of the painting, seldom allow loans. But Beal said that the painting was made available because the DIA has built relationships with other museums where it has allowed two Whistler paintings to be shown overseas.

Made up only of paintings, the exhibit is laid out in six galleries. The paintings by other American artists are placed next to similar Whistler works, to illustrate his influence.

James Tottis, the acting American Curator at the DIA, said the show is intended to illustrate Whistler's influence on modern art.

"Many people don't realize how inventive Whistler's style was, and how widely it was imitated by well-known American artists of his time."

*American Attitude* was created by the High Museum of Art in Atlanta, and was shown for 12 weeks in that city. In Detroit, the Comerica Charitable Foundation, the Kenwal Steel Corp., the Michigan Council sponsor the exhibit for the Arts and the City of Detroit.

*American Attitude: Whistler & His Followers* is on display until June 6. Adult tickets cost \$12.50 for persons 18 and older and \$6 for youths 6 to 17. Group tickets \$10 for groups of 20 people or more.

Tickets can be obtained at the DIA Box Office or by calling 1-(877) DIA-TIXS.



Whistler's Mother

## 'Main man' Local musician draws crowds to Plymouth club

Sharon Emeigh  
Staff Writer

Thirst may have brought them in, but the music made them stay.

Pat Brennan, a Dearborn-based musician, filled 336 Main in Plymouth with renditions of some of the greatest piano songs in the pop/rock canon recently. Scott Michaels accompanied him on percussion before the capacity crowd.

Brennan, who plays from memory, performed about 40 songs during the evening, to an audience he could watch as well as entertain.

"A true performer is someone who takes the time to learn the song and play it," Brennan said. "I'm always impressed by people who can do that."

He said that he played a lot of requests, which may account for the wide range of songs. Everything from Bruce Hornsby to Ray Charles, The Beatles to Creed was

requested and all were performed without the aid of sheet music.

The youngest of six children, Brennan has played piano since he was 5 years old, he said. He also plays guitar but not with the proficiency he exhibits at the keyboard.

His mother was an accomplished singer and pianist and his father toured as a singer in the Korean War with such venerable musicians as Duke Ellington and Sarah Vaughn, he said.

Brennan credits his family as one of the major influences on his music. Bach to Sinatra to Zappa; the Brennan home was filled with an eclectic mix of music.

Brennan said he studied music in school at Henry Ford Community College and Wayne State University, but found that the real lesson was in playing in front of an audience.

"I would recommend college to anyone who wants to learn

anything, but the real experience to be a musician is to load up your car and go to the clubs and play," he said. "You can't put a price tag on that experience."

Playing 16 years professionally, with stints in Los Angeles and New York, his accomplishments range from performances on *Star Search* to the composition of the soundtrack for an award-winning play, *The Angels of Limnos*. He has more than 100 songs to his writing credits.

He has played with numerous bands during the years, but is currently concentrating on his solo work. He is in the process of recording his first solo album, which will feature Brennan on piano, guitar and vocals. The album will touch on a lot of different styles,

ranging from rock to blues.

He has been signed to Harper Woods-based Soup Can Records, managed by A t a n a s I l l i t c h, the son of Mike I l l i t c h. Although he

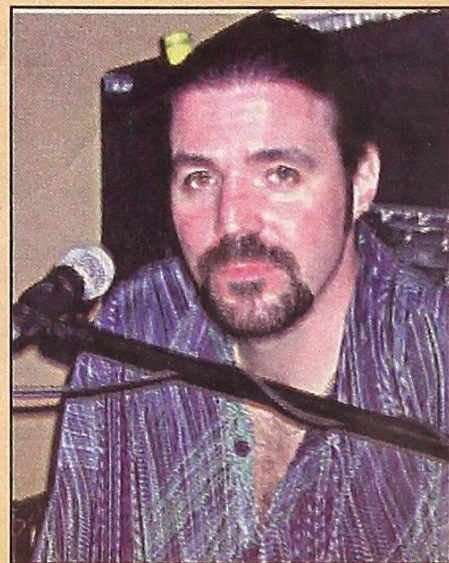
also has his own recording studio, The Whiskey Lab, he will co-engineer and produce his solo album at Soup Can Studios.

In the future, Brennan said that he hopes to hit the road with a national act.

While his vision may carry him across the country, Brennan said that the Detroit area is his home and also home to a lot of great musicians.

"The music scene here is

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Pat Brennan



# Musician

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world class," he said. "Some of the best players I have ever met are here."

Troy DeJong, general manager at 336 Main, said that he has been aware of Brennan's expertise on the piano since he worked at Silky's in downtown Dearborn where Brennan plays every Thursday night.

"When I met Pat, I loved his music right away," DeJong said. "So when I left Silky's, I wanted to bring Pat with me because he is a wonderful musician."

DeJong said that since the bar was established in December of 2000, all acts have played piano. He said that the piano is ideal because people can still carry on a conversation while enjoying the music.

336 Main features live music six nights a week.

Brennan will play there again at the beginning of April and DeJong said he plans to have him play on Fridays in the future. For performance dates, phone (734) 454-6500. To find out when and where Brennan is playing around town, visit [www.patbrennanmusic.com](http://www.patbrennanmusic.com) or call (313) 438-4041.

## Calendar

### Yard Waste collection set

Yard waste pick-up in Van Buren Township will start April 5. In order to ensure curbside pick-up, all yard waste must be properly packaged and at the curb on pick-up day. Please follow the compost guidelines published in the Lake Ledger. For any additional questions, call community services at 734-699-8926.

### More quilts on display

The Fred C. Fischer Library will host "Stenciled Quilts: Past and Present" today at 7 p.m. in Belleville, 167 Fourth St. Kathy Graham of Ypsilanti will describe early and present stenciling techniques and show photos of 19th century stenciled quilts. The event is free and the public is welcome to attend. For more information, call the Belleville Area Museum at 734-697-1944.

### Wayne-Westland kindergarten roundup set

The annual Kindergarten Round-up begins at 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 30 for parents and children. Roundups will take place at each local school. Parents will be able to tour the school, meet the principal and kindergarten teachers, discuss the curriculum and review registration materials. Children will meet the teachers, see the room, make a craft and will receive a school T-shirt and backpack full of supplies. Children must be 5 years old by Dec. 1, 2004 to be eligible. Parents who are unable to come to the roundup during the day may register their child that evening from 6 until 7 p.m. at their school. For more information, call 734-419-2096.

### Italian dinner to be served

Belleville Rotary Club members are planning an Italian dinner buffet from 5-8 p.m. Thursday. The "all you can eat" dinner takes place at the Van Buren Eagles lodge in Van

Buren Township, 9961 Beck Road. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$5 for children and can be purchased from any Rotarian. Proceeds go to youth and community projects and anyone is welcome to attend.

### Women's money seminar scheduled

The money management seminar "Smart Women Finish Rich" will take place at Robichaud High School from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. April 7. Speakers and financial planners Les Heddel and Edward Jones will speak about the seven steps to financial wealth and retirement planning. The cost of the seminar is \$15. For more information, call Ernestine Fowler-Purdie at (313) 565-3473.

### Church plans clothing giveaway

Middlebelt Baptist Church in Inkster will be the site of a clothing giveaway from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. March 27. Clothing for men, women, babies and children will be available. The church is located at 943 Middlebelt Road. For more information, call Middlebelt Baptist Church at (734) 728-3838.

### Art auction tomorrow

The Wayne Rotary Club will host a fundraising auction presented by Marlin Art at 7 p.m. tomorrow. The fundraiser will benefit the Wayne Rotary Foundation, which has distributed more than \$500,000 in scholarships to the Wayne-Westland schools, given more than \$35,000 in library books to the Wayne elementary schools, donated a van to the senior citizen's program, and more. Tickets are \$10 and available from any Wayne Rotarian, or by calling (734) 721-0100.

### Mad Tea Party planned

The Wayne Parks and Recreation Department will host a Mad Tea Party from 7 until 9 p.m. on March 25 at the Wayne

Community Center in Wayne. The event is a fundraiser for the Civitan playground. For more information or to host a table at the event, call the parks and recreation department at (734) 721-7400.

### Family fun night set

The Wayne Parks and Recreation Department will host the annual family fun night from 6 until 10 p.m. on Saturday, March 27 at the Wayne Community Center. The event includes wallyball, basketball, ice skating, arts and crafts and more. Tickets are \$8 each or \$25 for a family of four. Children ages 2 and under are free. For tickets or information call the department at (734) 721-7400.

### Surplus food distribution scheduled

There will be a surplus food distribution from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. today, at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey Road, Westland, for income-qualified residents north of Michigan Avenue. Pears, pudding and canned salmon will be distributed this month. The program is administered by the Wayne County Office of Nutrition Services. Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers should call their building manager for date of distribution. For more information, call the Dorsey Center surplus food hotline at 734-595-0366.

### Nankin Township Pioneer Trek talk set

The tour starts at 6 p.m. Friday, at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Daryl Bailey, managing editor of *The Nankin Historian* and a board member of the Friends of Nankin Mills, will present historical information about the early pioneers of Westland, Wayne, Livonia and Garden City. Admission is \$3 per person.

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# SPORTS

## Belleville holds off Wayne, 67-64, for district title

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

March Magic. That's how Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) promotes the month of March for boys basketball – the equivalent to the National College Athletic Associations' (NCAA) 'March Madness.'

It is a magical time to see high schools from across state, despite earlier success or failure, start and end their seasons battling for a chance at a state championship.

Romulus High School was honored with the task of hosting the District Championship tournament for Belleville, Wayne, John Glenn, Garden City, Livonia Franklin and, of course, Romulus.

There were some amazing games played last week at the tournament, but, as a line from the movie Highlander states: "There can be only one."

**Friday, March 12 – District Championship Game, Belleville vs. Romulus**

Friday night was the moment of truth for two talented teams that have battled all season long for a chance to become the district champions. The Belleville Tigers and the Wayne Memorial Zebras met at Romulus High School to see who could fulfill the basketball prophecy.

Despite falling behind by five points at half time, the Tigers operated their teamwork magic and snatched the championship from a most formidable opponent.

Wayne started the game strong and led throughout the first quarter until Belleville's Tyler Jones nailed a three-pointer at the buzzer to give his team the first lead of the game, 11-10.

But that didn't stop the scrappy Wayne team from moving ahead in the second. They scored 21 points to head into the locker room with a 31-26 lead. Wayne's Geno Safford hit for 13 points in the quarter to help his team take the advantage.

Belleville regained momentum in the third when Olden, Tyler Jones and Miller hit for six

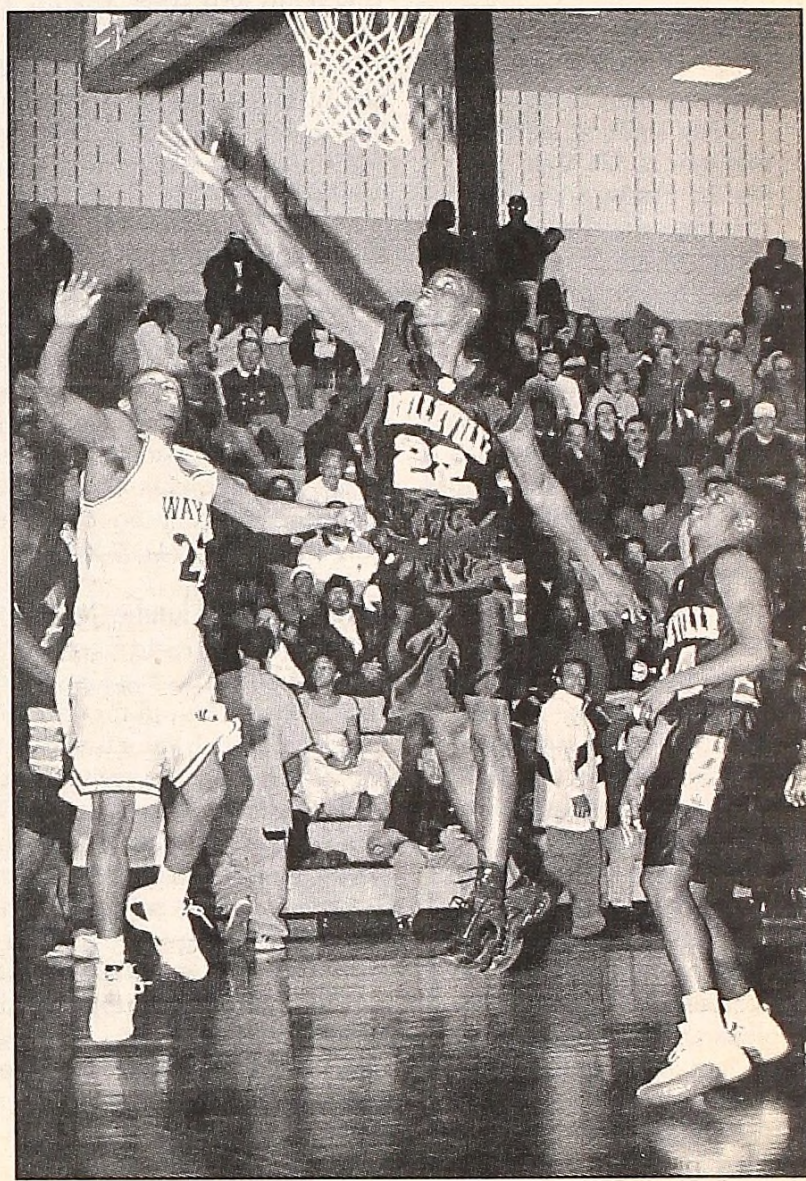
unanswered points to make it a 32-31 game in their favor. Jones hit two key three-pointers to help push past Wayne, 44-40, at the end of the quarter.

The game broke wide open for both teams in the fourth where they combined to score 47 points in the final eight minutes of the contest. Brian Hearst and Ian Bruce each hit a basket to open the quarter and tie the game at 44 for Wayne. Belleville's Josh Samarco hit two consecutive threes, Miller had a three-point play and Olden had a great over-the-top dunk to put their team back on top, 55-48. Miller nailed two more shots to make it a nine-point game.

However, it was Safford's time to shine as he hit consecutive triples to bring Wayne within three.

Tyler Jones stepped up to hit a jumper and made two shots from the line to give the Tigers a five-point lead. Danny Walsh kept Wayne alive with a three but Miller knocked down a two to

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Senior center Rob Igbawua (22) makes the easy shot in the district championship game against the Wayne Zebras Friday night. Belleville prevailed, 67-64, in the contest.

## Mustangs fall to Wildcats, 68-63, in district finale

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

It took double overtime to decide which team would be the Division A District Tournament 25 champion Friday night. It came down to neighboring rivals the Northville Mustangs and the Novi Wildcats.

After an outstanding season the Mustangs battled through the tournament and made it to the final game but fell short against the Wildcats, 63-68.

"It was a great game," said Northville coach Darrel Schumacher. "Both teams deserved to win. We had it but couldn't hang on to it."

The game was knotted after the first period at 13 but the 'Stangs pulled out ahead 26-25 at the half, according to Schumacher. The final two quarters remained tied to send the game into overtime.

"We had it by three in the first overtime," Schumacher said. "But Trevor Hoover hit for three for them – it was nothing but net. In the second overtime, we couldn't get anything going. It was a game of free throws in the end."

Northville only shot 3-12 from the line while Novi hit 78 percent of theirs, 25-32. In the end it was the Wildcats that pulled ahead and won the championship by a score of 68-63, he said.

Brett Asher and Marcus Davis each scored 16 points for Northville.

Hoover hit for 17 including the buzzer-beater to send the game into a second overtime. Brad Chandler led Novi with 22 points in the victory.

"I can't say a negative word about our kids," Schumacher said. "We don't have a big team or a fast team but they have huge hearts and play hard. I'm extremely proud of them."

"You can't fault them," he added. "They went on a nine-game win streak in the middle of the season, won the division outright and made it to the district championship game."

The road to the championship game was much easier for the Mustangs. In the second round Northville tipped off against South Lyon and won, 51-33.

They led through the entire game but it was the 15-point third quarter that put the game away. They held South Lyon to three points in the same period of play.

Tim Singleton led the victory effort with 16, Davis added 14 and Sorenson contributed with 11.

In the first round, Northville defeated Salem in the anti-shootout, 30-29.

Asher, Sorenson and Davis all scored six points to lead the team Alan Shanoski and Singleton added five each.



Northville Mustangs Brett Asher (4) drives toward the basket in the District Tournament 25 final game against the Novi Wildcats. It took double overtime to rule Novi as the champions.

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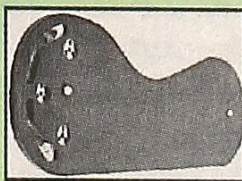
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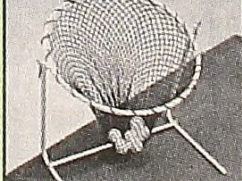
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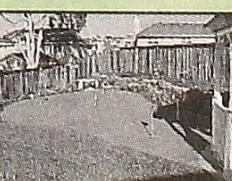
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## Champs - Jones leads Belleville in district finale

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keep them at bay. Miller hit another triple to make it 67-64 in favor of Belleville but time ran out on Wayne's comeback.

"I thought that we were scoring pretty regular," Krogel said. "We established our defense but we got complacent in the second like we did against Romulus and allowed them to take the lead. So, we were pretty concerned about that at half time.

"Olden was a big key in the third quarter," he added. "He hit eight of his 10 points in that quarter and Samarco hit two threes in

the fourth, which gave us some breathing room."

Tyler Jones led the championship efforts for Belleville with 28 points, eight rebounds and three assists.

Miller added 21 points, nabbed six rebounds and had three assists. Olden nailed 10 points, eight of them were in the third quarter, grabbed six rebounds and also helped out with three assists. Samarco contributed six points off of two crucial triples at the start of the fourth quarter. Freeman snatched nine rebounds in the win.

Isaac Kindell did a good job defensively coming off the bench for the injured Will Jones, who wasn't a 100 percent with a knee and ankle injury, according to Krogel.

Safford led Wayne's side of the court with 26 points and Walsh added 19.

The victory moved Belleville into the regional tournament, which started Wednesday night, hosted by Romulus High School. Belleville played against a dark horse Southgate Anderson Titan team in the first match up last night but the results weren't available for this edition.

## Chiefs - Grapplers shine at state competition

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and Kowalski came back to tie the match at 6-6. Webb was able to hang on in the second overtime period and rode Kowalski out for the win, Randolph said.

The victory sent Webb into the quarter-finals where he faced Rockford's undefeated Dustin Anderson. Webb hit a wall in the second period and lost the match 8-4. Anderson ended up placing third overall in the meet.

However, Webb rejuvenated himself enough to dominate Fraser's Blake Mesyn, 10-2. Mesyn was 51-2 on the season. Webb took Mesyn down and held him there in order to reserve energy and triumph, Randolph said.

The wearing effects of the pneumonia were evident as he lost his next match, 4-2, to Ryan Henderson from Hartland. It was 0-0 going into the third period when Webb was turned, according to a surprised Randolph.

"Webb never gets turned," he said. "He

just didn't have anything left."

Webb's final match of the day was against Redford Union's Jim Moore for seventh and eighth place. Webb started strong again and took Moore down and rode him out to take a lead, but he slowed in the second and allowed Moore back in the match. Webb lost the match, 6-4, and landed in eighth place in the state.

"I was proud of him," Randolph said. "He just came out and sucked it up for as long as he could."

With both Phillips and Webb placing all state, it was twice as many wrestlers that Canton has had total in the last six years, according to Randolph.

Now that the season is officially over, Randolph said the kids and himself will take a break before they start off-season workouts. Some kids will compete through the spring and summer.

"I'm pretty proud of the team," he said. "In two years of running this system, we have two all state wrestlers. That's pretty good."

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# Whalers get burned by Spitfires, 6-2, in season finale

## Plymouth prepares for rematch against Kitchener

The Plymouth Whalers finished the regular season on the wrong foot with a 6-2 loss to their cross-river rivals the Windsor Spitfires Sunday afternoon at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth.

Captain James Wisniewski and John Mitchell led in the Whalers' efforts with a goal and an assist each. Darryl Lloyd led Windsor with two goals and three assists.

Lloyd scored the first goal of the day at 5:06 in the first period of play. Brett Liscomb and David Bowman earned the assists on the play. However, Mitchell would notch his 28th goal of his season at 13:23 with help from Nick Vernelli and Wisniewski to knot the score, 1-1.

The first 15 minutes of the second round remained scoreless until Bowman knocked the puck past Plymouth's goalie Paul Drew on a power play at 15:15. Rob Hennigar and Craig Kennedy recorded the assists. Jordan Grant was in the box for a boarding penalty. Liscomb scored a full-strength goal 40 seconds later to make it a 3-1 game for Windsor. Lloyd and David Lomas contributed on the play.

The Spitfires put the game out of reach in the third period with three unanswered goals. Bowman scored his second of the day at 7:11 with the lone assist going to Lloyd. Lloyd would turn around and score his second of the game from Mitch Maunu at 9:58 to make it a 5-1 game.

Mike Vellucci, Plymouth's head coach and general manager, pulled Drew after the fifth goal and replaced him with Ryan Nie.

It didn't help matters much as Liscomb scored again at 11:56 off a power play to boost the score to 6-1. Lloyd assisted again with Lomas. Plymouth's Craig Cescon was in the box for roughing.

Wisniewski converted on a power-play attempt at 14:57 with assists earned by John Vigilante and Mitchell. Mike Weber was serving a hooking penalty for Windsor at the time of the goal.

### Whalers 5, Otters 1

The results o Saturday's road game were quite the opposite story for the Whalers when they traveled to Erie and defeated the Otters, 5-1.

The Whalers scored three goals in the first period in order to pull away in the victory.

Ryan Ramsay hit for the first score at 4:27 with an assist by Wisniewski and Mitchell added one at 17:10 with the lone assist going to Vernelli. Ramsay scored his second of the period at 19:44 to make it a 3-0 game. Tim Sestito was credited with the assist.

With Grant in the box for tripping, Geoff Platt scored his 25th goal of the season with less than a minute left in the period. Rob Hisey and Chris Campoli helped on Erie's lone goal.

The goalies on both ends of the ice kept the second period scoreless but Plymouth scored two more in the third to put the game away.

Mitchell, from Ramsay, made it a 4-1 game with a power-play goal at 15:34 in the period. Alex Karaulchuk was serving a five-minute match penalty to allow Plymouth the extra man.

Vaclav Meidl finished the game off with an empty net power-play goal with less than a minute left in the game.

### Whalers 1, Rangers 3

The Whalers four-game wining streak ended when they hosted the Rangers Friday night. The Rangers pulled ahead late in the second and a third-period goal finished the game at 3-1.

After a scoreless first period, Kitchener's Matt Lashoff lit up the board first with a power-play goal at 10:36 in the second frame of play. Adam Keefe and Michael Richards notched the assists. Wisniewski was in the penalty box for roughing.

Newcomer Andrew Fournier scored his first goal of the season for the Whalers at 12:25 to tie the game, 1-1. Mitchell and Wisniewski recorded the assists on the play. The Rangers regained the lead, 2-1, with a tally from Richards, his 35th of the season, at 15:53.

## Wisniewski highlights coaches' poll winners

The Ontario Hockey League (OHL) announced the winners of the 2003-04 Coaches poll and the Plymouth Whalers were well represented in the various categories.

Plymouth defenseman James Wisniewski was among the multiple winners when he was selected as the top Offensive Defenseman and the Best Shot in the Western Conference. He also finished third in voting as the Smartest Player.

John Mitchell was voted as the second Most Improved Player

The Whalers also had John Vigilante finish third in voting for the Most Underrated Player and David Liffiton was voted third in the Best Defensive Defenseman category.

The OHL Coaches Poll provides team coaches and managers with the opportunity to recognize players in several skill categories within their own conference. The top three players in each category from the Eastern and Western Conferences are recognized.

Coaches vote for each category within their conference and are not permitted to vote for players on their team, according to the poll guidelines.

### Liffiton's NHL rights traded to Rangers

The NHL trade deadline was up at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, March 9 and Plymouth Defenseman David Liffiton saw his NHL rights traded from the Colorado Avalanche to the New York Rangers early that morning. The deal combined Liffiton, defenseman Chris McAllister and a 2004 second-round pick in exchange for Matthew Barnaby and a 2004 third-round pick.

Plymouth remained scoreless for the rest of the game. However, Andre Benoit added an insurance goal at 10:39 in the third round for Kitchener to take the 3-1 victory.

The Whalers ended the regular season in second place in the West Division with a 32-24-9-3 record and 76 points. They trailed the Sarnia Sting by six points.

Plymouth will get a chance for a rematch with the Rangers when the play-offs start tomorrow night. They will travel to Kitchener for the first game and return home on Saturday for game two at 7:30 p.m. The Rangers will host game three on Monday and the Whalers will have game four at the Compuware Sports Arena on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

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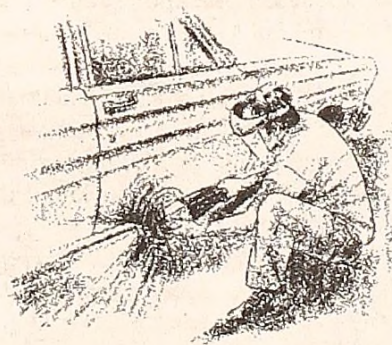
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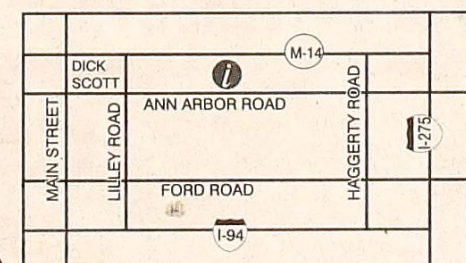


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# Tigers oust Eagles from district play

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

The second game of the district semi-finals was essentially a rematch of the Mega Tournament championship game where the Belleville Tigers tipped off against the Romulus Eagles for the fourth time this season.

It would be a battle to the end, but it was the Belleville Tigers that escaped the Eagles once more. Belleville prevailed, 54-51.

It's always been a question of who would step up for Belleville this week - Matt Miller, Rob Igbawua, Andre Olden, Tyler Jones, Will Jones?

No, this time it was sophomore Leon Freeman. He would hit three-pointer after three-pointer after three-pointer to keep Belleville in the race, including one with only 20 seconds left to play in the game, which put the Tigers up, 52-51.

From that point it was Romulus' game to win or lose. It was theirs for the taking, but unfortunately all the pressure and anxiety of winning the district championship rested on one Eagle's shoulder - Jarret Smith. With :06 seconds left he was sent to the line and was expected to hit the free throws, which he had done all night long, to win the championship. But the pressure was too great for the Eagles as both shots danced around the rim like cruel jokes from the basketball gods and fell harmlessly away.

Romulus had three ticks of the clock to tie the game but Smith's three-quarter-court shot fell short and Belleville moved on to the championship game.

"I thought we established ourselves defensively except the last 1:30 in the first half," said Belleville coach Mike Krogel. "They went on a little bit of a run. Up to that point, we held them to 13 points in the first 14 minutes."

Both teams struggled to find their rhythm in the first quarter

*"I did my best and played my hardest out there, because I had to."*

**Leon Freeman**

but it was Belleville who snuck ahead to a 10-7 lead. They managed to build on the lead in the second frame of play and extended it to 27-13 with 1:24 left in the half. However, Smith, DeMarvelous Carter and Kyle Wasson all hit for two points to finish the half, 27-19.

Romulus came out strong in the third to outscore Belleville, 16-13. The strong effort cut into Belleville's lead, 40-35.

Belleville, Romulus, Belleville, Romulus, Belleville, Romulus...That's how the lead in the fourth quarter went. It changed eight times in the final quarter of play. Coleman hit for

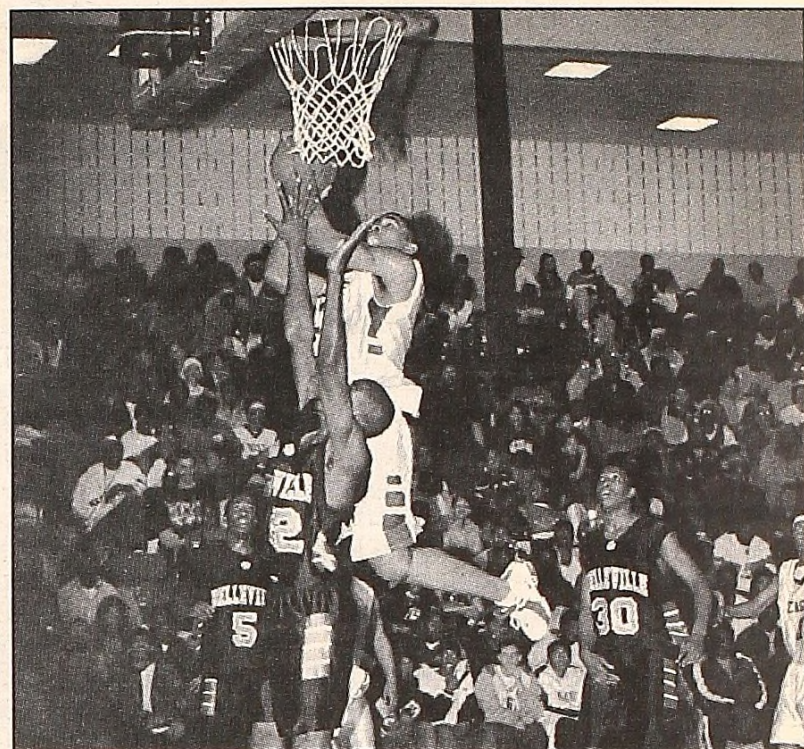
five points right of the bat and Smith hit a couple of threes, hit a free throw, had a three-point play and Wasson hit a free throw to give the Eagles a 51-49 lead with 45 seconds left to play. Smith missed two free throws to extend the lead and the ball ended up in the Tigers hands.

Belleville had a hard time finding an open man to take a shot but Miller tried for three and missed. The rebound ended up in the hands of Freeman on the outside. He had his back to the basket from three-point range, a range comfortable to him all night, jumped, spun and nailed the shot that would seal the fate of Romulus.

"It was a big game and someone had to step up," Freeman said. "I did my best and played my hardest out there, because I had to - that was my best shot ever. I'm only a sophomore with two more years to go, but I wanted to be there for my team tonight. We knew we had to step up on Ron Coleman and we played tight defense at the end and that was the difference."

The shot put Belleville up 52-51 and vaulted them into the district finale against a very formidable opponent the Wayne Memorial Zebras on Friday night.

"It was spontaneous," Krogel said about Freeman's shot. "There was no thought process to it. He scooped up the rebound turned and fired - a thing of beauty. He didn't even give me time call a time out, which was probably a



Romulus' DeMarvelous Carter goes over the top of Belleville's Rob Igbawua for two. Despite their efforts, the Eagles fell short in the district semi-final. Belleville won the bout, 54-51, and moved on to defeat Wayne for the district championship.

good thing."

Freeman ended the game with 17 points and 10 rebounds. Tyler Jones scored 14 and had 4 assists while Miller hit for nine and had seven rebounds. Igbawua had seven points and seven rebounds.

"It just wasn't meant to be tonight," said Romulus coach Nate Oats. "I thought the kids did a great job battling back from a 15-point deficit they fought like warriors. But we were 8-23 from the line, 53 percent. That's the way it's been all season and we knew it would come back to and haunt us if we didn't fix it. And it did."

Ron Coleman, after being held to two points in the first half, finished with 14. Carter added 12 and Smith finished with nine.

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**Eagles 71, Cougars 41**

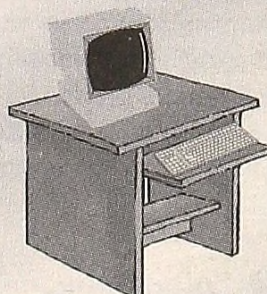
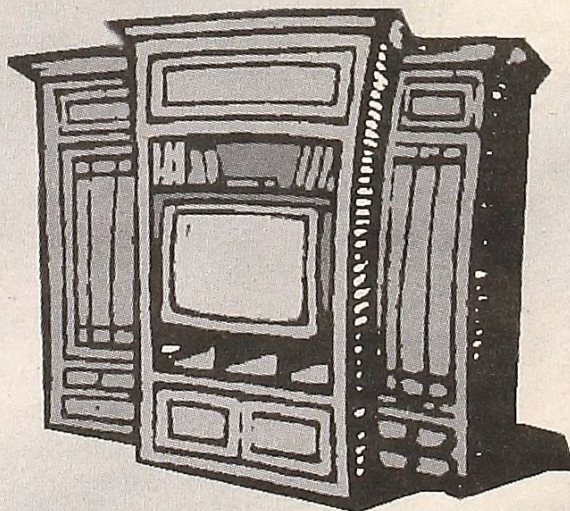
The Garden City Cougars fell prey to the Romulus Eagles in the second game on opening day of the district tournament. The Cougars managed a close game through the first half but Romulus pulled away in the second part of the game for a 71-41 triumph.

Coleman led Romulus with 17 points including two that came from a powerful slam-dunk in the second period of play. Anre Partee assisted on the play. Coleman also led the team in rebounds with 12.

Bryan Dutton led the Cougars with 12 points.

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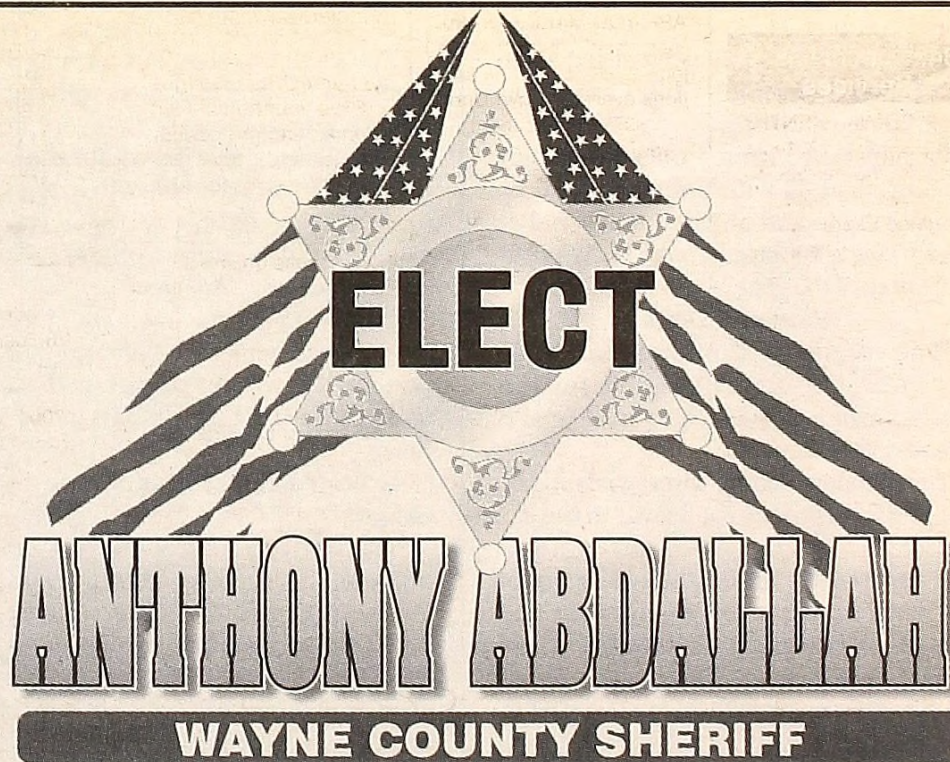


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On MARCH 23, 2004 the Westland Police Department will conduct public auctions of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. at Westland Service Towing, 37501 Cherry Hill, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

1991 Mercury Sable 4 Door- Blue 1MECM53U0MG624793 1989 Oldsmobile 88 4 Door- Gray 1G3HN54C7KH305523 1987 Ford Tempo 4 Door- Burgandy 1FABP36X0HK197333 1994 Chevy Cavalier 2 Door- Green

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The second auction will begin promptly a 11:00 a.m. at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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**30 DAY NOTICE OF AUCTION**

Due to unknown ownership, 30 day notice is hereby given that the vehicle(s) listed below will be auctioned after April 17, 2004 unless it is claimed by the owner prior to that time:

1970 Trailer  
Black  
No Vin  
1979 Dodge Motor Home  
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On March 27, 2004, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:00am, at J&T Towing and Storage, 237 Industrial Dr. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

1989 DODGE  
VN2B7JB31Y9KK351060  
44-188-04  
1985 CHEVROLET  
1G1GZ37Z3FR119426  
44-197-04  
1986 OLDSMOBILE 4D  
1G3CX69BXG4329212  
44-206-04  
1991 FORD 4D  
1FACP5240MG243865  
44-212-04  
1985 HONDA 4D  
1HGAD7439FA069487  
44-213-04  
1989 FORD 4D  
1FAPP36XKK211488  
44-217-04  
1990 FORD 4D  
2FAPP37X2LB102472  
44-218-04  
1992 HONDA 2D  
2HGEH2367NH509355  
44-228-04  
1995 PONTIAC 2D  
1G2NW15M3SC725815  
44-251-04  
1984 CHRYSLER 4D  
1C3BF66P7EX592594  
44-252-04  
1985 GMC PU  
1GTD14H2FF715558  
44-282-04

Upon completion, the auction will move to Great Lakes Towing and Storage, 42350 Van Born Rd. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

1988 HONDA 4D  
1HGED3654JA048161  
44-190-04  
1995 BUICK 4D  
2G4WB52L0S1475868  
44-191-04

2002 CHRYSLER 4D  
2C3HH46RX2H122702  
44-193-04  
1986 FORD 4D  
2FABP22X4GB215552  
44-194-04  
1990 PONTIAC 2D  
1G2NE14U6LC338942  
44-200-04  
1994 CHEVROLET 2D  
1G1JC1447R7193744  
44-214-04  
1984 SAAB 4D  
YS3AT46S7E1037813  
44-221-04  
1986 BUICK 4D  
1G4AL19R3GD454261  
44-231-04  
1988 CHEVROLET VN  
1GCDM15ZXJB125550  
44-232-04  
1989 PONTIAC 4D  
1G2JB51K4K7542325  
44-234-04  
1991 GEO 4D  
2CNBJ18U7M6900423  
44-237-04  
1984 CHEVROLET PU  
1GCCS14B6E8193269  
44-238-04  
1995 PONTIAC 4D  
1G2WJ52M7SF223855  
44-244-04  
1984 OLDSMOBILE 4D  
1G3AR69A7EM361413  
44-246-04  
1998 FORD PU  
1FTYR14U5WTA79586  
44-249-04  
1994 DODGE 4D  
1B3AA4634RF124701  
44-280-04  
1990 ACURA 2D  
JH4DA9350LS032593  
44-203-04

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Joannie D. Payne, CMC  
Van Buren Township Clerk  
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1P3XA46K5LF793146  
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1GDCD14H0KE270348  
1988 Chevrolet  
1G1LV11W4JY546755  
1994 Ford  
1FTCR10A8RBP78311  
1990 Ford  
1FMDA41X6LZA87870  
1986 Buick  
1G4GK4778GP428530  
1987 GMC  
1GDDM15Z0HB502926  
1993 Ford  
1FAPP11J7PW309937  
1976 GMC  
TCL246F704857  
1990 Chevrolet  
1G1JC84G1LJ225391  
1987 Dodge  
1B7FN14M6HS06656  
1989 Pontiac  
1G2WJ14W4KF202579  
1985 GMC  
1G5CT18B0F0524927  
1984 Mercury  
2MEBP95FXEX623011  
1994 Infiniti  
JNKAY21D3RM107302  
1996 Ford  
1FALP6245Th112977  
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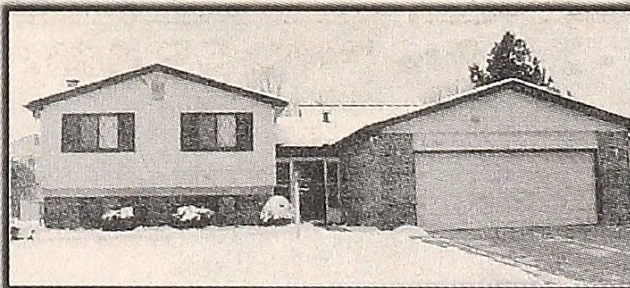
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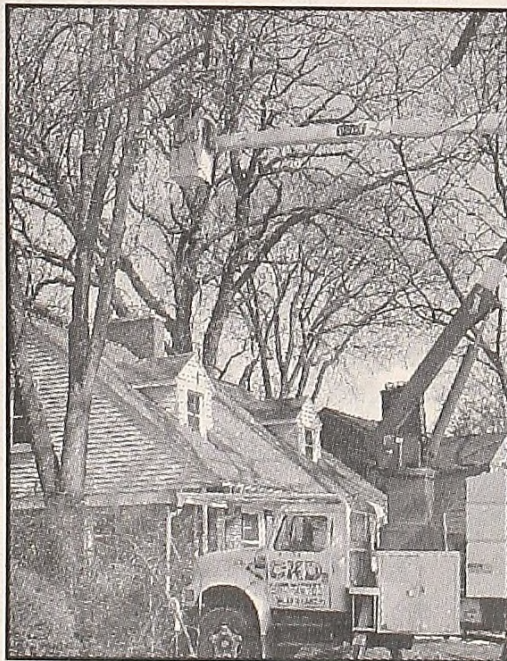


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